

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

October 4, 2002 Harvey T. Strosberg

Treasurer, may I present to you and this Convocation Mr. Harvey Strosberg, Q.C. and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Harvey Strosberg earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Windsor in 1966. After completing the LL.B. degree at Osgoode Hall, he articled with the firm Fasken & Calvin, with two of Canada's most celebrated lawyers, John Sopinka and Ronald Rolls. In 1977, six years after his call, he accepted the position of Commission Counsel to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Confidentiality of Health Records in Ontario, under the direction of Mr. Justice Horace Krever. By the time that the Commission had completed its work in 1980, Harvey Strosberg's reputation as one of Ontario's most luminous advocates had been fully established. In 1982, he was appointed Queen's Counsel.

He was elected a Bencher of The Law Society of Upper Canada in 1987 and became Treasurer of the Society in 1997. In that capacity, he had one simple but profound goal: to make the practice of law more inclusive and more accessible to all, regardless of colour, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or economic disadvantage.

Mr. Strosberg is the author or co-author of numerous articles and publications touching upon a broad spectrum of topics from solicitor negligence and matrimonial law to advocacy skills, especially in the context of class action litigation.

He is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give and I request you, Sir, to confer upon Harvey Strosberg, Q.C. the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.